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Huge rush to get relief from debt

- Hundreds of borrowers crowd AC Office for relief under Karnataka Debt Relief Act
- 11,000 applications submitted at special counters till yesterday; Oct.22 last day

Staff at the Assistant Commissioner's office housed in the DC's office scrutinising applications received under Debt Relief Act this morning.

Mysuru, Aug.31 (MTY,LNY&BCT)- Hundreds of people are trooping into the Office of the Mysuru Assistant Commissioner (AC) to get relief under the Debt Relief Act that has been passed by the previous Coalition Government headed by H.D. Kumaraswamy and assented by President Ram Nath Kovind.

On an average, every day over 2,000 applications are being submitted at the AC Office located at the premises of Deputy Commissioner's Office in city. Most of the people who are queuing up at the counters are from the middle and lower middle class families who have pledged their movable and immovable properties with private money-lenders and pawn-brokers. Till yesterday, 11,000 applications have been received.

The State Government, in a recent circular, invited applications from people who are eligible for relief under the Act and has fixed Oct.22 as the last day to submit applications. In a district, AC is the Nodal Officer to receive applications. As such in Mysuru, people from nook and corner of the district are heading to AC Office.

(See HUGE RUSH on page 14)

Mysore Palace entry ticket goes online

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Mysuru, Aug.31 (NNN)- With just 29 days to go for the world famous Dasara celebrations, the Mysore Palace Board is going hi-tech by introducing online tickets to enter the iconic Mysore Palace without any hassles of standing in long queues to purchase entry tickets.

Earlier, a private entity was in charge of online ticketing and there were several issues regarding renewal and even loss of revenue to the Board. Now, with the e-governance initiative of the State Government, the payment gateway is the State Bank of India and hence the charges that attract while purchasing tickets are very minimum.

(See TICKET on page 14)

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Employment-emolument equation

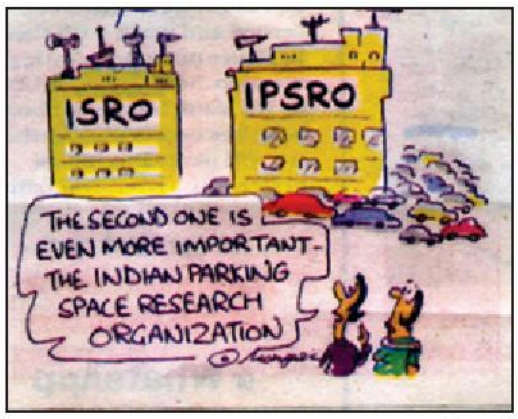
Payment for *work* in cash or kind and *employment* with salary are written about copiously by cognoscenti viewing the connect between work and compensation through the prism of justice to both employer fraternity and employee. Government as the employer and *babudom* as employee are engaging one another in an unending interaction, the former pretending to *pay* and the latter pretending to *work*, as an anonymous wit has succinctly described the connect between the two parties. The scenario of the matter in Non-Government world of employers, being an issue of bread 'n' butter for both paying side and the toiling force, the former has to be guarding his margins and the latter has to make do with the compensation for work done, given the responsibility to one's family. Even as the set of laws governing employment and emoluments are in place, the workforce doesn't find itself in the comfort zone money-wise. While the Government as an employer digs into the Treasury to fulfil its commitment to pay the employees and it is so-far-so-good money has turned spoilsport outside the Government. The event of the employer shutting shop for whatever reasons is the last straw for the sinking work-force.

In the eyes of the employee, disenchanted due to both harsh terms of employment and salary below prescribed norm, the employer is seen as a villain. On the other hand, the latter sees the employee as a sucking leech, barring exceptions. These are all signs of the mutual perception between the two turning more and more sour in days ahead in the land.

The dramatic event of workers receiving unprecedented amounts as wage, as in the Information Technology sector that happened during the second half of the last decennial of the last century has given a new twist to the issue of wages in the multitude of sectors awakening the paying side of compensation. In this context, two distinct sections of the work-force, namely domestic helps and loaders of goods, who were almost invisible in the open seem to be heading towards better days much to the chagrin of the paying side. One of these comprises all females and other all males, both remaining under-privileged.

Without seeming to hold brief to either of the above two sections of the land's work-force, the work-wage equation in their cases merits a revisit to make their lot better than now. Until that exercise leads to a proper perspective of the equation, talking about malnutrition, ignorance, backwardness and so on doesn't redeem their misery and hardship in life.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE



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NEWS SPARKLERS

Businessman sues mistress to recover $2 million

Singapore: A Singapore-based businessman is reported to have sued his mistress in order to recover $2 million he allegedly loaned her. The problem is she says the money was a gift, so she doesn't want to give it back.

Toh Eng Tiah, the 55-year-old owner of several recycling businesses, met 33-year-old property agent Angelina Jiang in November, 2016, and the two became romantically involved, even though Toh was married at the time.

Between December 2016 and March 2017, the Singaporean businessman allegedly paid Jiang around $1 million, of which at least $819,000 was used to pay her credit card bills and living expenses.

Interestingly enough, in March of 2017, the two signed a loan agreement for $2 million, including the money already paid, as well as another $872,000.

The young property agent claims that the loan was only a ruse to trick Toh's wife into thinking he was only loaning her money, but in fact it was a gift. However, the businessman says the loan was real and he wants his money back.

Hospital creates world's largest orthopaedic cast

Chicago: A Chicago hospital set a Guinness world record by constructing an orthopaedic cast measuring 12 feet long and 5 feet wide.

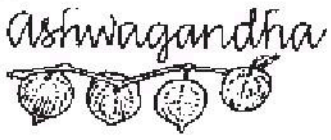
The Northshore Orthopaedic & Spine Institute said the cast, created to raise awareness of bone and joint health, would fit the leg of a person who stands 78 feet tall.

Guinness World Records presented the hospital with a certificate certifying the cast as the largest in the world.

The hospital said members of the public are being invited to sign the cast at the Westfield Old Orchard Mall in Skokie.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's good about Ashwagandha?



Ashwagandha is one of the most important herbs in Ayurveda, the 3,000-year-old medical system of India. It is used as a restorative tonic, one of the most powerful among the healing herbs. An adaptogen, it helps the body cope with stress and restore balance. It is a member of the night-shade family.

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Provident Fund interest rate to be hiked to 8.65 percent

New Delhi, Aug. 31- The Labour Ministry will soon notify 8.65 percent rate of interest on Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) for 2018-19, said Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar yesterday. Over six crore subscribers will be benefited.

The notification would enable retirement fund body Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) to settle on withdrawal claims on this rate. Now, the EPFO is paying an interest rate of 8.55 percent for 2018-19 under PF withdrawal claims. The 8.55 percent interest rate on PF deposits was fixed for 2017-18.

"The Finance Ministry does not disagree with 8.65 percent interest on EPF for 2018-19. I believe that it will soon be notified," Gangwar told reporters on the sidelines of a conference on private security guards at FICCI in New Delhi.

In February, the EPFO's apex decision-making body Central Board of Trustees, headed by the Labour Minister, had decided to raise the interest rate on EPF to 8.65 percent for 2018-19, which was the first increase in the past three years. In April, the Department of Financial Services (DFS), a wing of the Finance Ministry, gave its concurrence to the EPFO's decision to provide 8.65 percent rate of interest for 2018-19.

The EPFO had earlier reduced the interest rate for 2016-17 to 8.65 percent as compared with 8.8 percent for 2015-16. After the Finance Ministry's concurrence, the Income Tax Department and the Labour Ministry are required to notify the rate of interest for 2018-19. Thereafter, the EPFO would give directions to its over 136 field offices to credit the rate of interest into subscribers' account and settle their claims accordingly.

According to EPFO estimates, there would be a surplus of Rs.151.67 crore after providing 8.65 percent rate of interest for 2018-19. There would have been a deficit of Rs.158 crore on providing 8.7 percent rate of interest on EPF for the previous financial year. That is why it decided to provide 8.65 percent.

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Today's Currency Rate

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VOICE OF THE READER

Heritage Structures Vs Human Lives

Sir,

With more number of old structures crumbling, it is high time for the guardians of "heritage" to re-look and re-think their views on restoring, re-constructing or maintaining these structures at the cost of human lives.

Human life is more precious than the heritage value of any crumbling and dilapidated old structures.

God forbid, suppose a heritage building collapses, I can vouch that none of the guardians of heritage structures will be around these buildings.

It will be some other unfortunate victim and their family who will face permanent misery, when an old building collapses — like it happened when Lansdowne building collapsed.

When a building has out-lived its life, it is better to opt for a new structure very similar type to the old structure, may be with additional facilities.

More than being sentimental over the heritage value of the buildings, we should opt for a practical approach. Being sentimental will only invite miseries for the people moving around these old buildings.

—K. Chandrahas
Mysuru
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Onam drawing and painting contest at Infant Jesus Cathedral

Mysuru, Aug. 31- The 8th IJCC - Onam Inter-School drawing and painting competition and children's painting exhibition organised by the Infant Jesus Catholic Centre (IJCC) will be held on Sept. 8 (Sunday) at the Infant Jesus Cathedral on Hunsur Road, Hinkal.

V. Rev. Fr. Thomas Mangalathil, Director, IJCC will inaugurate the competition at 3.30 pm. George Joseph, President, IJCC will inaugurate the painting exhibition.

The competition will be held in four different categories:

LKG, UKG and Standard-1 (Category-1), Standard 2-4 (Category-2), Standard 5-7 (Category-3) and Standard 8-10 (category-4). The topic for the competition will be given on the spot. Winners of each category will be awarded cash prizes, trophies and Merit Certificates. There will be six consolation prizes each in each category. The prizes will be distributed during the Onam celebrations to be held on Sept.15 (Sunday) at the Infant Jesus Cathedral premises.

Those who wish to participate may register their names through the School authorities before Sept.1, according to Thomson Kudiyirikkal, Convener.

For details, contact Mob: 9448339666 or 9845055462.

Ten public sector banks to be merged into four

New Delhi, Aug. 31- The Union Government yesterday unveiled a mega plan to merge 10 public sector banks into four as part of plans to create fewer and stronger global-sized lenders as it looks to boost economic growth from a six-year low.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced four new set of mergers — Punjab National Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank of India will combine to form the nation's second-largest lender; Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank will merge; Union Bank of India will amalgamate with Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank; and Indian Bank will merge with Allahabad Bank.

Post the mega merger, here are the six PSU banks that will remain independent: Indian Overseas Bank, UCO Bank, Bank of Maharashtra and Punjab and Sind Bank, which have strong regional focus, will continue as separate entities. Bank of India and Central Bank of India will also continue to operate separately as before.

Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank merger will merge into Punjab National Bank to create a bank with Rs. 17.95 lakh crore business and 11,437 branches. The merger of Syndicate Bank with Canara Bank will create the fourth largest public sector bank with Rs. 15.20 lakh crore business and a branch network of 10,324. Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank's merger with Union Bank of India will create India's fifth largest public sector bank with Rs. 14.59 lakh crore business and 9,609 branches. The merger of Allahabad Bank with Indian Bank will create the seventh largest public sector bank with Rs. 8.08 lakh crore business with strong branch networks in the South, North and East of the country.

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Calling litigants

The District Consumer Redressal Forum has decided to destroy the files pertaining to all cases disposed off between 1990 and 2014. Hence, the parties to the litigations are asked to collect all the original documents submitted in support of their claims from the Forum office latest by Sept.22.

Ph.D entrance exam results

Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has announced the results of the Ph.D entrance test on Aug.25 on its website [www.ksoumysore.karnataka.gov.in]. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2519947 or 2515405.

Lokayukta to receive complaints

Karnataka Lokayukta, Mysuru district, will receive complaints from the public regarding delay and corrupt practices at the Government offices from Sept.5 to 18 at 10.30 am in various taluks. The schedule is as follows: Sept.5 - Mysuru taluk office, Sept.7 - Nanjangud taluk office, Sept.9 - T. Narasipur taluk office, Sept.11 - Hunsur Travellers Bungalow, Sept.13 - H.D. Kote taluk office, Sept.16 - K.R. Nagar Taluk Panchayat Office, Sept.18 - Periyapatna Travellers Bungalow, according to a press release.

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Arms Act exemption to Kodavas

Stakeholders urged to present facts before Court, Government

Union Home Ministry seeks opinion from Kodagu DC

Nelaji Farmers Club President M.K. Nanjappa is seen addressing a press conference at Kodagu Press Club in Madikeri as other Club Members look on.

Madikeri, Aug.31 (PS&BCT)- The filing of writ petition in Karnataka High Court by Captain (retd.) Yaladalu K. Chethan, who has questioned the exemption to Kodavas and Jamma land holders in Kodagu district from obtaining a licence to possess firearms under Section 3 and 4 of the Indian Arms Act, 1959, has resulted in several Kodava organisations coming together to put up a united front to fight for their rights and resist attempts from vested interests to snatch away that privilege.

Among the organisations that are pressing for Kodava rights is Nelaji Farmers Club who has urged the Kodava community leaders, Kodava Samajas and other stakeholders to provide proper information to the Government and the Courts in this regard. Even Napoklu Kodava Samaja has criticised the filing of the writ petition and has extended its support to Codava National Council that is fighting a relentless battle to safeguard the gun rights.

On its part, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) told the High Court recently that the exemption granted since 1963 to certain class of people in Kodagu district from obtaining licence to possess and carry firearms under the provisions of the Arms Act, 1959, is being reviewed along with the review of the entire Arms Act to amend the old enactment.

Assistant Solicitor General of India C. Shashikantha informed the Court that MHA has constituted a Committee to review and suggested amendments to Arms Act, and the process had been initiated to secure the views of stakeholders with regard to exemption granted to a class of people in Kodagu district.

Addressing a press conference in Madikeri on Tuesday, Nelaji Farmers Club President M.K. Nanjappa said that Kodavas have been using the gun as an item of worship and a gun is a symbol of culture, tradition and is a part of a Kodava attire.

"A gun is linked to the life of a Kodava from birth and till death, and its cultural influence is one of the reasons why the British gave the community an exemption to possess firearms. When a child is born in the Kodava community, four gunshots are fired to let residents of the village know of the birth."

"In villages in Kodagu, houses are spread out far apart and as a community we get together when a baby is born. Hearing the gun shots, residents know that a birth has taken place and they try and help in any way they can," said Nanjappa.

Similarly, when someone dies, two gunshots are fired so that residents can rush to help the families in distress. "We take pride in our association with guns and they are not misused," he said and added that the Courts and the Government must be informed about the exclusive rights of Kodavas so that the right stays.

"After the First War of Indian Independence in 1857, the British introduced the Disarming Act, which outlawed the use of weapons in Coorg. But in 1861, an exemption was granted for a class of people in Coorg to possess firearms, for the first time by Mark Cubbon, the then Chief Commissioner of Coorg," Nanjappa explained.

"In 1878, the British drafted a law, which later came to be known as the Indian Arms Act, in which the exemption granted to the people of Coorg was extended to two groups of people — a person of Coorg (Kodava) race and a Jamma tenure holder. These rights are unique and Kodavas never misused this. The Kodagu District Administration must inform the facts to the Court and see to it that the rights are safeguarded," Nanjappa demanded.

Club Secretary Sachin Ganapathy, Directors Viju Appaiah and Naveen Nachappa were present in the press conference.

Meanwhile, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy has stated that the District Administration has received a notification from the Ministry of Home Affairs seeking opinion on this issue. "We have sought some time due to the floods and landslides relief work in the district to carry out the consultation," she said.

Background of the case

Y.K. Chethan, son of Yaladalu D. Keshavananda filed a Writ Petition in the High Court on Jan.8, 2018. In his petition, (WP No. 1386/2018), Chethan, a resident of R.T. Nagar in Bengaluru, claimed that the continuation of the exemption, granted to some class of persons by the British Government in pre-Independent India in furtherance of their divide-and-rule policy, was unconstitutional, as it was based on irrational, fictitious and discriminatory grounds, such as race and ancestral land tenure.

He claimed that the exemption granted to Jamma land holders and for the members of Kodava race under Section 3 and 4 of Indian Arms Act differentiates between communities living in a society and promotes disharmony.

The original petition (a Public Interest Litigation) was filed by Chethan in 2015 and the High Court had disposed it and asked the petitioner to submit a representation on his grievance about exemption to the Union Home Ministry. On its part, the Ministry had told the Court that the exemption provided to Kodavas was as per law. Not stopping at this, Chethan filed another Writ Petition in the High Court in 2018, questioning the arms exemption.

Girl along with friends loots uncle's house

Mysuru, Aug.31 (MK&KS)- A girl, along with her friends, has looted gold ornaments from her uncle's house at Hinkal.

Vijayanagar Police, acting on the complaint, have arrested the girl and her two friends besides recovering the stolen gold ornaments weighing about 20 grams and worth Rs.60,000 from them.

Those arrested are 21-year-old Sushma, a native of Boodanur, Arakalgud taluk in Hassan district, 22-year-old Manjunath and 21-year-old Charan of Gayathripuram in city.

Sushma, who was staying with her uncle Yoganna at Hinkal for a few months, had seen her uncle keeping the keys of the house on the window sill before going out.

A few months ago, Sushma, who moved out of her uncle's house, began to stay with her friend at a rented house in Saraswathipuram. As Sushma was not going to work, she had no money.

On Aug.3, after her uncle left for work, Sushma, who came there along with her friends, took the key of the house, entered it, stole two gold bangles weighing about 20 grams kept in the almirah, locked the house and kept the key at its place and left.

Her uncle, who came back after his work, opened the almirah only to find the gold bangles missing. He then enquired with the neighbours, who told him that the girl who was staying at the house earlier had come along with two others.

Suspecting something fishy, Yoganna lodged a complaint at Vijayanagar Police Station.

The Police, who registered a case, took Sushma and two others into custody and during interrogation, the girl is said to have confessed of committing the crime along with her two friends, according to Police.

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Double-decker buses in Mysuru, Hampi on cards

Bengaluru, Aug.31- In a bid to develop and promote tourism in State, Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) has decided to operate double-decker bus services in Mysuru and Hampi.

The service would commence from December this year and a total of six double-decker buses would be put into service in the first phase. Out of the six buses, four would be introduced in Mysuru and two in Hampi.

The double-decker buses, on the lines of Big Bus models in London, are expected to get good response from the tourists. Following the success of the 'Open Bus' rides introduced during last year's Dasara celebrations, KSTDC has now decided to introduce double-decker buses in Mysuru.

It may be recalled that former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy had allocated Rs. 5 crore for launching six double-decker buses for sight-seeing in Mysuru and Hampi.

Also, the Union Transport Ministry had identified five potential routes between Bengaluru-Mangaluru, Bengaluru-Chennai, Bengaluru-Hubballi, Bengaluru-Mysuru and Bengaluru-Hyderabad to run double-decker buses. The plan, however, did not take off.

Under the 'Open Bus' concept, over four open-top double-decker buses were introduced in Bengaluru by the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) in 2014 where the buses were used for hop-on and hop-off tours of the city, giving tourists a treat.

Open bus concept had received the thumbs up from some urban experts who point out that Kolkata has these double-decker buses, which are now one of its major attractions.

In 2006, the Karnataka Government had introduced such buses for Mysuru Dasara to cover a distance of 16 kms. These internationally-designed buses took tourists around tourist hotspots covering all major attractions such as Mysore Palace, Jaganmohan Palace, Zoo, Town Hall, Karanji Lake, Regional Museum of Natural History, Lalitha Mahal Palace, Railway Museum and the Railway Station.

Mysuru KSRTC to ply 70 more buses to ease festival rush

Mysuru/Bengaluru, Aug. 31- The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) Mysuru Division will operate additional 70 buses to ease Gowri-Ganesha festival rush.

KSRTC Divisional Controller (Rural), Mysuru, R. Ashok, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that 50 regular buses and 20 Volvo and Rajahamsa buses would be pressed into service. As there is huge demand for Gokarna, Karwar and Sirsi routes, additional buses would operate to these destinations.

He revealed that there are 5 to 10 spare buses in all depots in Mysuru and these buses are being utilised. Ashok said that city buses and buses to rural areas will be increased based on demand. He said that there will be no change in fares. However, there might be changes in reservation cost, he added.

Meanwhile, KSRTC, Bengaluru, has made elaborate arrangements for passengers in view of festive weekend. An additional 1,800 buses would ply from Bengaluru. KSRTC is offering a 5% discount on one-time bookings made by four or more persons and a 10% discount is offered on simultaneous return journey bookings.

Special buses will be operated from Kempegowda Bus Station to Coastal and Malnad districts besides regular operations towards North Karnataka and Tirupati. Buses towards Mysuru, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar will be operated from Mysuru Road Satellite Bus Station.

Advance ticket booking facility has been provided through KSRTC website and computerised counters both in Karnataka and other States. All premium special bus services will operate from Shantinagar Bus Station to various places.

New Motor Vehicles Bill goes live

Here is a list of revised traffic violation fines

New Delhi, Aug. 31- Ministry of Law and Justice under the Government of India has notified the recently passed new Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2019. This means that the new Bill is applicable from Aug. 29 onwards and will attract heavy penalties for traffic violators.

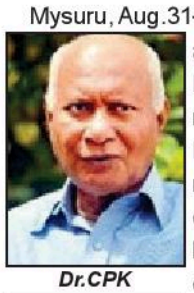
The Bill had earlier been passed by the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha. The Legislation was previously introduced in 2017 but couldn't pass the Rajya Sabha and lapsed with the dissolution of the 16th Lok Sabha. The 2019 Bill was tabled in both the Houses by the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari. The Bill aims to enforce stricter penalties for road traffic violations.

Section/ Offence	Old Penalty	New Penalty (Minimum)
Rules of road regulation violation (new 177A)	Rs. 100	Rs. 500
Travelling without a ticket (178)	Rs. 200	Rs. 500
Disobedience of orders of authorities (179)	Rs. 500	Rs. 2,000
Unauthorised use of vehicles without licence (180)	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 5,000
Driving without licence (181)	Rs. 500	Rs. 5,000
Driving without qualification (182)	Rs. 500	Rs. 10,000
Oversized vehicles (182B)	New	Rs. 5,000
Over speeding (183)	Rs. 400	Rs. 1,000 for LMV, Rs. 2,000 for Medium Passenger Vehicle
Dangerous driving penalty (184)	Rs. 1,000	Up to Rs. 5000
Drunken driving (185)	Rs. 2000	Rs. 10,000
Speeding/ racing (189)	Rs. 500	Rs. 5,000
Vehicle without permit (192A)	Up to Rs. 5,000	Up to Rs. 10,000
Overloading (194)	Rs. 2,000, and Rs. 1,000 per extra tonne	Rs. 20,000, and Rs. 2,000 per extra tonne
Overloading of Passengers (194A)	New	Rs. 1,000 per extra passenger
Without seat Belt (194 B)	Rs. 100	Rs. 1,000
Overloading of two-wheelers (194 C)	Rs. 100	Rs. 2,000 , Disqualification of licence for 3 months
Not providing way for emergency vehicles or ambulances (194E)	New	Rs. 10,000
Driving without insurance (196)	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 2,000
Offences by Juveniles (199)	New	Guardian/ Owner shall be deemed guilty. Rs. 25,000 with 3 years imprisonment. Juvenile to be tried under JJ Act. Registration of Motor Vehicle to be cancelled.
Aggregators (violations of licencing conditions) (193)	New	Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 1,00,000
Power of officers to impound documents (206)	New	Suspension of driving licence under sections 183, 184, 185, 189, 190, 194C, 194D, 194E,
Offences committed by enforcing authorities (210B)	New	Twice the penalty under the relevant section

Vacant site behind Janata Bazaar turns into public urinal

A private vacant site on 6th Main Road just behind Janata Bazaar on Irwin Road has turned into a public urinal. As a result the whole place stinks putting the residents of the area and the nearby shopkeepers to untold misery. But people have not only made this place a public urinal but the residents also dispose garbage in this vacant land. Action must be taken to see that a compound is built to prevent people from entering the site.

CPK's Kannada-Kannada-English dictionary to be released tomorrow


Dr.CPK

Mysuru, Aug.31- Veteran litterateur Dr.C.P. Krishnakumar's (CPK) Kannada-Kannada-English dictionary published by the city's Chetana Book House will be released at a programme to take place at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama on Ooty Road here at 11am tomorrow (Sept.1).

The Ashrama's Junior Seer Sri Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji will inaugurate the programme while writer Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj will release the dictionary. The programme also features an interaction on 'Chintane-Chetana' volumes in which several noted writers will take part.

Dr.CPK will preside and journalist S. Prakash Babu will moderate the programme.

Selected as President of Children's Literary Meet

M.S. Arjun

Mysuru, Aug.31- Budding writer and Marimallappa PU College student M.S. Arjun has been selected to chair the one-day District Children's Literary Meet to be organised by the District Kannada Sahitya Parishat at Kalamandira here on Sept. 12.

Arjun is the son of M.S. Shivakumar and S.H. Latha couple of Malaganakere in Periyapatna Taluk. Arjun had earlier chaired sessions at Dasara Yuva Kavigoshti, Alvas Vidyarthi Siri and the State-level Children's Literary Meet held at Adichunchanagiri Mutt.

His collection of poems titled *'Iruve'* has been published by Sapna Book House.

He was conferred 'Outstanding Talent Award' for creative writing at the 'Kalashri' camp organised by Bal Bhavan Society.

Children's play

Mysuru, Aug.31- Adamya Rangashaale will stage a children's play *'Kuni Kuni Navile'* (Dancing of Peacock) at Sri Kuvempu Rangamandira, Vivekananda PU College premises, Jayalakshmipuram, at 6.30 pm tomorrow.

The play is scripted by H.S. Venkatesh Murthy and directed by Vinoda C. Mysuru while Loknath Sogum has scored Music.

MP Pratap Simha, MLA L. Nagendra and Kendra Sahitya Academy member Addanda Cariappa will be the chief guests.

Rajarshi Nalwadi Awardees

Ramaiah

Ravindra

Mysuru, Aug. 31- Retired Additional Director of Backward Classes Welfare Department M. Ramaiah and journalist Ravindra Joshi have been selected for Rajarshi Nalwadi Award for 2018-19 given by Bharatha Darshitwa Trust, said Trust Founder Dr. M. Kannika.

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Merging for strength and diversion?

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman yesterday announced the merger of 10 public sector Banks into four entities.

The first merger, that of Punjab National Bank, Oriental Bank of Commerce and United Bank will create a super-bank named Punjab National Bank. This will be the second-largest public sector Bank in India, after the State Bank of India.

The second merger will be that of Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank — the new Bank will be called Canara Bank.

The third merger is of Union Bank of India, Andhra Bank, Corporation Bank and this new entity will be named Union Bank of India.

Finally, the fourth merger, that of Indian Bank and Allahabad Bank will be named Indian Bank.

Now, while Banks are getting merged we in Karnataka, more so in Dakshina Kannada, have much to feel disappointed about.

Dakshina Kannada, once known as the 'cradle of Indian banking' as it gave birth to four major Banks of India — namely Corporation Bank, Canara Bank, Vijaya Bank and Syndicate Bank — after yesterday's announcement will have only one, Canara Bank. Of course, Karnataka Bank also exists but it's a private bank.

These public sector Banks carried the good name of Karnataka and brought good name to Kannadigas as they expanded across the country.

Now, this massive merger is said to be put in place to create globally competitive Banks which can serve the needs of a 5-trillion dollar economy which the Government hopes India will be by 2025 !

This move to merge should not come as a surprise, considering that this Government acts on the recommendations of Committees created by the Congress.

In fact, there are numerous schemes that were introduced by Congress which BJP re-named, re-branded and implemented effectively — like the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), which was originally introduced as 'No-Frills Accounts' for Direct Benefit Transfer by the Congress or the popular *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* which was originally introduced by Congress as *Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan,* or even GST for that matter. Now it's about merging Banks.

Many may recall, in the 1990s, the then Congress Government had set up Committees to analyse India's banking sector. It wanted these Committees to recommend ways to make Banks more effective, competitive and efficient. One of the Committees was Narasimham Committee headed by M. Narasimham, the 13th Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). And this Committee had recommended way back then itself that strong Banks must be merged for stability. Congress did not take the advise, now BJP has and it might benefit politically.

But will the Government find the success it hopes for? Even today there is debate whether nationalising Banks by Indira Gandhi in 1969 was a success. Many would say yes — socially, economically and politically.

It is recorded in history that after the election of 1967, Morarji Desai wanted to be the PM, but a compromise was reached and he agreed to be the Finance Minister and Deputy PM while Indira Gandhi was the PM.

Senior Congressmen such as K. Kamaraj, S. Nijalingappa and Morarji Desai, known as 'the Syndicate' made life difficult for her. So Indira Gandhi wanted to come

out on her own in Congress and become the face of Congress Party so she would not need the support of these senior leaders.

She found an opportunity when President Zakir Hussain died halfway through his tenure. The Syndicate wanted their man Neelam Sanjiva Reddy to be the President. Indira wanted V.V. Giri. Soon, she fired Morarji Desai as Finance Minister citing he was siding with rich industrialists. Then she issued an ordinance announcing that the State had taken over fourteen privately owned Banks. This appeased the poor.

The nationalisation of Banks was challenged in the Supreme Court and the challenge was upheld, but the judgement was immediately nullified by a fresh ordinance brought in by the Government ! This was signed by the President. And who was the President by then? Indira's man V.V. Giri. Who was a stand-in President after Hussain's death?

With this Indira Gandhi became the face of the poor in India and of the Congress Party. It also signalled the dominance of the Gandhi family in both Congress and Indian politics going forward.

In the first six months of nationalisation, 1,000 new Bank branches were opened mostly in rural areas. This became the first significant step towards 'financial inclusion' and has been increasing ever since.

So like in 1969, Indira Gandhi's reason to nationalise Banks was political, yesterday's announcement to merge could be to divert attention from the disappointing growth figure of 5%.

And just like how nationalisation of Banks won elections for Indira Gandhi, the same distribution network has contributed to Modi's victory.

For now, let's hope the Government achieves what it hopes to, which is a stronger banking system. But just a merger will not do, there needs to be measures to make managements more accountable. There must be transparency while appointing Government Nominees to Bank Boards as these are political appointments. Else, this merger will remain merely a timely diversion from a terrible growth statistic instead of the foundation for 2025.

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Dasara website up; has info in 11 languages

Mysuru, Aug. 31 (RK&VNS)- Mysuru District Minister V. Somanna launched the newly-designed Dasara website this morning at Jaladarshini Guest House. The website provides information to visitors in 11 languages including Kannada, English, Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

The website, compatible with computer, tab and mobile comes with an additional feature of push-and-alert notifications. It is also synced with Google Calendar to make sure that visitors are provided with accurate information about Dasara events. A gateway to purchase tickets for Dasara events too has been created. This apart, provisions have also been made for visitors to upload Dasara-related photographs and videos.

The website will live-stream Dasara events on real-time basis. Visitors can log on to *www.mysore-dasara.gov.in* to get more information about Dasara, tourist destinations within and outside Mysuru.

Speaking to media persons, Minister Somanna said this year, the tableaux will look different when compared to previous years. Officials have been instructed not to repeat the themes of previous years and to come out with new ideas such as Swachh Bharat, Chandrayan -2, Mangalyaan and also a tableau on late Sri Dr. Shivakumara Swamiji of Siddaganga Mutt.

Dasara in Chamarajanagar and Srirangapatna

Somanna also announced that the State Government would release Rs. 1 crore for Chamarajanagar Dasara and Rs. 2 crore for Srirangapatna Dasara.

He said that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa would be requested to offer 'Bagina' to River Kapila within Sept. 5 as Kabini Dam was full to the brim. MP Pratap Simha, MLA S.A. Ramdas, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath, former KEA Chairman B.P. Manjunath and others were present.

'Provide adequate security at Torchlight Parade Ground'

Discussion on pending Rs.30 crore project after Dasara

Mysuru, Aug.31 (RK&VNS)- District Minister V. Somanna, as a part of his Raja Marga inspection this morning, visited the Torchlight Parade Ground at Bannimantap which hosts the last event of nine-day Dasara festivities — Panjina Kavayathu (Torchlight Parade).

When the Minister arrived at the ground, MLA Tanveer Sait, who represents NR Constituency, was also present. The MLA appraised the Minister about the problems being faced by the public who come in large number to watch the mega event.

He said that previously a proposal of Rs.30 crore had been submitted to the State Government for the construction of shelter around the ground to ensure the public do not get drenched in case of rain during the Torch Light Parade.

Stating that the ground was only being used during Dasara, Sait suggested that the ground could be converted into an international-level stadium instead of keeping it vacant throughout the year.

To this, Minister Somanna said that he would look into the matter and added that a meeting will be conveyed after Dasara to discuss on the issue besides appraising the Chief Minister regarding the pending proposal.

The District Minister also instructed MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju to make sure arrangements were up to the mark for the Torchlight Parade without giving scope for any confusion during the event. He also instructed the City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna to ensure adequate security was in place at the ground since Governor, CM and other VVIPs would be present.

The Minister also instructed the Police Chief to make sure the traffic was cleared for VVIP movement on the roads leading to Torch Light Parade Ground.

Minister Somanna was accompanied by district level officials, Corporators, former MyLAC Chairman M.V. Ravishankar, former KEA Chairman B.P. Manjunath, State BJP General Secretary M. Rajendra and Yashaswini Somashekar on the occasion.

Ganesha Pandal: Obtain NoC for power connections

Mysuru, Aug.31- With Ganesha festival on Sept.2, the CESC has appealed Ganapati pandal organisers to ensure that pandals are not erected under EHT/HT/LT power lines and that they should get information from officials on the safe distance to be maintained from Overhead power-lines.

In a press release, CESC Superintending Engineer K.M. Munigopalaraju said that the pandal organisers should obtain NoC (No Objection Certificate) from the MCC, local bodies, Police and Fire Brigade to seek temporary power connection upon payment of the prescribed fee. Also, they should mandatorily get permission of the Electrical Supervisor at points where more than 100 people are expected to gather.

Balachandra Jarkiholi is KMF Chairman

Bengaluru, Aug.31- Arabhavi BJP MLA **Balachandra Jarkiholi** was elected unopposed as the new Chairman of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) here this afternoon.

The Chairman's post was a bone of contention between the BJP Government and former PWD Minister H.D. Revanna of the JD(S), as Revanna had eyed the key post after the collapse of the JD(S)-Congress Coalition Government.

Revanna withdrew his nomination before the deadline ended, thus facilitating the unopposed election of Balachandra Jarkiholi, as no other candidate was in the fray, it is learnt.

No question of me staying away from Dasara: Ramdas

Mysuru, Aug.31 (MTY&DM)- "*Naada Habba* is related to our 'Mane Devaru,' Goddess Chamundeshwari and there is no question of me staying away from Dasara preparations," said KR MLA S.A. Ramdas. Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning, Ramdas was replying to a query on his skipping Dasara meetings which was published in newspapers recently.

Stating that it was he who went first to Veeranahosahalli Gate on time as a Government representative to be present for 'Gaja Payana' (the march of Dasara elephants) on Aug.22, Ramdas said that a couple of days later he met with a minor accident in Sullia and sustained injuries, which has hampered his foot movement.

Replying to a query on his absence from District Minister V. Somanna's Dasara rounds early this morning, Ramdas claimed that he was hamstrung by his foot injury and it was inevitable for him to stay away as he could not walk fast. However, he was very much part of the Dasara website launch and poster release programme later this morning, he said and added that he would extend his full co-operation for all Dasara events and activities, which ends with Teppotasava atop Chamundi Hill on Oct.18.

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Dr. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar presenting 'The Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Memorial Million 2019' to Arjun Mangalorkar, trainer of 'Abira,' which won the event on the second day of Mysore Races-2019 held at Mysore Race Course yesterday. The winning horse, owned by Sarainaga Racing, was ridden by Jockey Neeraj Rawal. Others seen are MRC Chairman Dr. N. Nithyanand Rao, Stewards and Committee Members. Picture right shows R. Guru presenting 'The Ranga Family Cup' to Darius R. Byramji, trainer of 'Mystic Flame,' which won the event in the races held yesterday. The winning horse, owned by Rienzie M.K. Edwards & Mrs. P.P.M. Edwards, was ridden by Jockey Irvan Singh.

Celebrate Life! Mysuru Half Marathon, 10K and 6K Run / Walk Event

Mysore, Aug. 31- As Mysuru begins its preparations for Navaratri festival that begins from Sept.29, Mysureans will have another occasion to celebrate much prior to that with the launch of the 1st edition of Celebrate Life! Mysuru Half Marathon, 10K & 6K Run/ Walk event on Sept.8. The event will be flagged off at the Mysore Palace North Gate, near Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple.

The event is being organised by Raadiant Sports, which has a vast experience of organising running and other sporting events, with an objective of promoting a healthier lifestyle and Mysuru as a sporting destination. The run, which is going to be an annual event, aims to encourage people to take running and walking as a daily activity.

Balasubramaniam, Race Director, said: "Running is about consistency. It's a battle between the body and mind. Challenge yourself to have a good health and do not compare yourselves with others."

Celebrate Life! Mysuru will feature Half Marathon (21.097 kms) and 10K Run in the Competitive and Timed Categories where people who have adopted running as a fitness regime and train regularly, will participate to test themselves, improve their run timings and have a good run passing through some of the best landmarks and roads of Mysuru.

The winners of Half Marathon & 10K categories will be awarded trophies under the following age groups: 18-25 years , 26-35 years, 36-45 years, 46-60 years, 61 years and above for both men and women participants.

All the finishers will receive customised finisher medals and timing certificate which will help them to gain entry to some of the bigger marathon events in the country as the event is being organised under the auspices of Karnataka Athletic Association (KAA). Amateur runners are expected to participate from Bengaluru, Chennai, New Delhi and other cities to enjoy the run in Namma Mysuru.

To encourage people, who are not training to be regular runners but have the interest to test their fitness and have interest to take up healthy lifestyle, the 6K Run/Walk is planned.

In order to encourage children to adopt a healthy lifestyle from a young age, the 6K Run/ Walk is open to all those aged above 10 years and above. It is a Non-Competitive and Non-Timed category. Families across age groups without experience of running can walk the distance and participate as a group to have a memorable experience on a Sunday early morning.

All the participants will receive Event T-shirts, Bibs (Timed for Half Marathon & 10K) (non-timed for 6K) and Participant Information Document as part of the Participant Kit.

The participant kit will be distributed at Hotel Rio Meridian, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Bamboo Bazaar on Sept.6 (1 pm to 7 pm) and Sept.7 (11 am to 7 pm).

All registered participants can show their registration confirmation mail or receipt to collect the kits. Limited on-the-spot registrations will also be available at the venue. Post the Run / Walk, all participants will receive Finisher Medals. Timing Certificate (Half Marathon & 10K) can be downloaded by logging on to *www.raadiantsports.com*

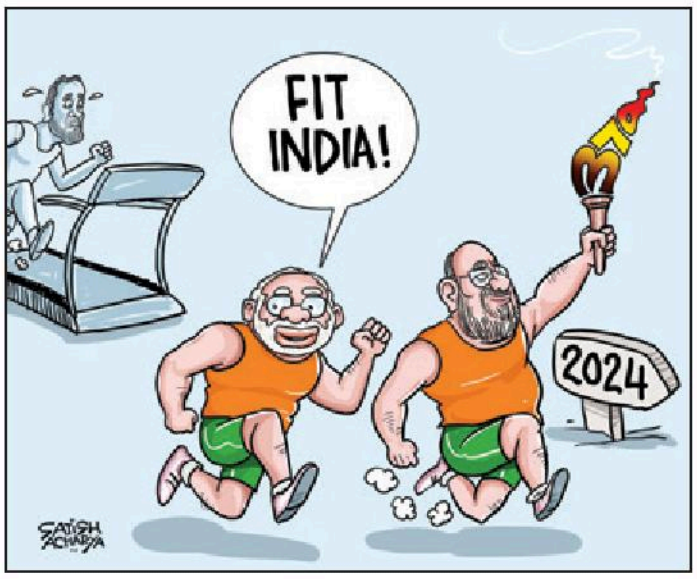
Participation certificate for 6K Run / Walk category and breakfast for all participants will also be provided. There will be Zumba Warm-up prior to the run and cool down session post the run. Music at the venue will add to the entertainment factor for participants to relax and unwind.

On the occasion, team from Apollo Hospitals will educate participants about the benefits associated with organ donation for the welfare of the society.

Last date to register is Sept.3. For online registration, log on to *www.raadiantsports.com*

For details, call Mob: 99807-44332. Interested can also register names at Gift Wrap, V.V. Mohalla [Ph: 0821-4000676] or Hotel Rio Meridian.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



Tigers trounce Panthers to enter KPL final

To battle with Ballari Tuskers this evening

Mysuru, Aug. 31- Mohammad Taha's unorthodoxy made all the difference in Hubli Tigers' surge to the final as R. Vinay Kumar's men notched a 26-run win over Belagavi Panthers in the Qualifier-2 of Karnataka Premier League (KPL), here yesterday.

Taha's 44-ball 63 combined with a stringent bowling display on a spinning wicket at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, meant the Tigers will take on Ballari Tuskers in the final of the eighth edition KSCA's marquee event later in the day.

This is the Tigers' third trip to the final and the hope will be to raise the trophy for the first time.

The Tigers were bowled out for a seemingly meek 154 in 20 overs after being put in, but once the Panthers' innings got underway, the former champions pressed the panic button far too early and ended on a disappointing 128 all out in 19.4 overs.

Shreyas Gopal returned figures of 2 for 17 in four overs. Mitrakanth Yadav bagged just the one but he conceded a mere 12 in his quota. Praveen Dubey had 2 for 31 in four overs. Abhilash Shetty, the left-arm seamer, benefited from all the pressure from the other end, picking up three wickets for 33 runs. Aditya Somanna's medium pace yielded 2 for 21 in 2.4 overs.

While it came together impressively on the bowling front for the Tigers, their batting surely didn't. After having scored 190 on an identical strip in their Eliminator win over Shivamogga Lions on Thursday, much was expected from the Tigers.

They looked every bit as aggressive with Taha's awkward slashes and lofted flicks doing a bulk of the damage early on, but then they ran into Ritesh Bhatkal (2/26), Shubhang Hegde (1/24) and debutant A. Shreesha (3/34). The three spinners combined to bowl 12 overs — a full four-over quota for each — for 84 runs. More than that, they were instrumental in keeping the Tigers down to 73 runs in the last ten overs.

The Tigers scored 34 runs and lost six wickets — four to run-outs — in the last five overs. It didn't look good for the Tigers going into the break, but about an hour into the second innings, they were almost certain of progressing to the final. And when you have four bowlers pick up more than two wickets in a T20, you're bound to end up on the winning side.

BRIEF SCORES

Hubli Tigers: 154 for 10 (Mohammad Taha 63, K.B. Pawan 31, Pravin Dubey 29; Ritesh Bhatkal 2-26, A. Shreesha 3-34) beat **Belagavi Panthers:** 128 for 10 in 19.4 overs (Abhinav Manohar 38; Abhilash Shetty 3-33, Shreyas Gopal 2-17, Pravin Dubey 2-31, Aditya Somanna 2-21).

TODAY'S MATCH - FINALS

Ballari Tuskers Vs **Hubli Tigers** 7 pm

Venue: SDNR Wadiyar Stadium, Mysuru

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Gowri-Ganesha Chess Tourney

Mysuru, Aug. 31- A Gowri-Ganesha Chess Tournament has been organised at Hotel Kumar's The White House, Old Sujatha Hotel, near Highway Circle, Bannimantap, tomorrow (Sept.1), under the aegis of LIC, Rotary Vani Vilas Mysore and Rotary Palace Mysore.

Reporting time is 9 am. A total of 5 to 7 rounds will be played with the first round starting at 10 am. Time Controls: 15 minutes + 5 seconds. Tie break: As per latest FIDE rates. Entry fee: Rs.300.

Tournament will be held in the following categories: U-7, U-9, U-11, U-13 and U-16 (boys and girls) with top five trophies. A total of 42 trophies will be awarded along with special prizes for all players below seven years.

For details, contact Manukeerthi on Mob: 84960-03565, according to a press release.

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TODAY'S MATCHES

Bengaluru Bulls Vs **Fortunegiants,** 7.30 pm

U Mumba Vs **Pink Panthers,** 8.30 pm

Venue: **Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Puneri Paltan 34 beat **Telugu Titans 27**

Dabang Delhi 38 beat **Patna Pirates 35**

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59th Inter-State Athletics Championship

Karnataka relay team bags gold

Mysuru's Vidya Sagar emerges fastest

Karnataka team** (centre) — **Suhas S. Gowda, Vidya Sagar, Rohith and Rohan Kumar — which won gold in the 4x100m relay event at the victory stand, along with silver and bronze winners.

Lucknow, Aug. 31- Mysuru lad Vidya Sagar, representing Karnataka in the 59th Inter-State Athletic Championships at Lucknow, emerged as the fastest man of the meet by winning the coveted 100m gold in style on Friday. Vidya Sagar breasted the tape to win the 100m gold with a timing of 10.59s.

Karnataka team won the gold in the 4x100m relay event. Mysuru lads Suhas S. Gowda, Vidya Sagar were part of the quartet. The other two leg runners were Rohith and Rohan Kumar. Karnataka team won the gold with a timing of 41.43s.

KSCA U-19 Tourney

Kruthik Krishna slams ton for Mofussil XI

Bengaluru, Aug. 31- Youngster Kruthik Krishna from Mandya and Mysuru Zone, representing Mofussil XI in the KSCA Inter-Zone U-19 Tournament two-day match played at Bengaluru against Bangalore City, scored a well-compiled century in their drawn tie on Friday.

Kruthik Krishna scored 101 in Mofussil XI's total of 281 for eight in 90 overs in reply to Bangalore City's first innings total of 315 for nine in 90 overs. K.S. Lankesh scored 48 runs. Mysuru Zone's K. Gourav took four for 67 for Mofussil XI. Bangalore City gained the first innings points in the drawn encounter.

THE SCORES

Bangalore City: 315 for 9 in 90 overs (Premnath 94, Ajitesh 52, Abhishek 65, K. Gourav 4 for 67) drew with **Mofussil XI:** 281 for 8 in 90 overs (Thota Md. Azzan 30, K.S. Lankesh 48, Kruthik Krishna 101, R.N. Chirag 48, Shreyas Gowda 25 n.o.).

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Pathetic condition of Raja Marga

irks Minister Somanna during padayatra

Mysuru, Aug. 31 (RK&VNS)-Ahead of Dasara-2019 celebrations, District Minister V. Somanna continued his inspection-spree of the city for the second day today.

Yesterday he inspected the works at Chamundi Hill and Sub-Urban Bus Stand and today he went on a padayatra on the *Raja Marga (Jumboo Savari* route) along with the elected representatives and officials.

He started his *padayatra* from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple next to Balarama Gate through which Dasara Jumbos pass through during the procession. Somanna also inspected the place from where Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa would offer puja to Nandi Dwaja prior to offering floral tribute to the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari placed on Howdah Elephant Arjuna. On noticing a damaged concrete dustbin nearby, he instructed MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde to do the needful apart from clearing the debris and maintaining cleanliness since the CM would be the first one to offer the puja.

Later, accompanied by MP Pratap Simha and MLA L. Nagendra, the District Minister visited Dr. Rajkumar Park adjacent to Anjaneyaswamy Temple and garlanded the statue of matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar.

On seeing the Minister, the morning walkers complained to him about lack of basic facilities, street dog menace and other illegal activities in the park.

The Minister, who listened to their woes, instructed the officials of Horticulture Department and MCC to provide basic facilities and security at the park to curb immoral activities.

Somanna also inspected the place in front of the Palace near Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle where a few NGOs feed the pigeons everyday and asked the officials accompanying him to ensure that the place is cleaned as soon the pigeons are fed and provide water to birds.

Pathetic condition of *Raja Marga*

The District Minister appeared to be upset with the poor maintenance of *Raja Marga* (Royal Dasara Procession Route) when he came across the damaged stone balustrades installed on the either sides of route and also a few damaged tiles on the footpath which posed threat to pedestrians.

Further, while walking past the Landsdowne Building on Sayyaji Rao Road, he was taken aback to see the plight of the road just behind the heritage building. He expressed his anguish over the way in which the stretch had been turned into a public toilet and a dumping yard. Soon he asked the MCC officials to take up cleaning works and asphalt the road irrespective whether the heritage building would be demolished or retained.

Vacate street vendors from *Chikka Gadiyara*

On reaching the Dufferin Clock *(Chikka Gadiyara)* in front of Devaraja Market, Somanna suggested the officials to clear the debris and vacate the street vendors to make way for Dasara cultural activities as the spot has been developed as a social gathering place sometime back.

He also suggested the officials to ensure that the Fountain in front of Government Ayurveda College and Hospital was functional before Dasara and provide basic facilities on the stretch near the Hospital where arrangements are made for foreign tourists to watch the *Jumboo Savari*.

Prune dead tree branches

The Minister suggested the MCC, Forest and CESC officials to prune the dead branches of the trees on either sides of procession route and also to clear the weeds on the steps along Bamboo Bazaar from where people watch the procession.

e-Toilets

Continuing his walk, Somanna asked the officials to ensure sufficient e-toilets were provided at various points throughout the *Jumboo Savari* route and to complete Dasara works on time without worrying about funds.

The District Minister directed the officials to ensure proper barricading on either sides and also make the route attractive for the *Vijayadashami Day* procession.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Additional DC B.R. Poornima, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannanth, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, ZP CEO K. Jyothi, City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna, DCP Muthuraj, ACP (Traffic) G.N. Mohan, MCC Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju, Superintending Engineer B.R. Suresh Babu, MCC Health Officer Dr. Jayanth and other officials accompanied the Minister during his padayatra.

Chandrayaan-2 to bloom at Dasara Flower Show

Mysuru, Aug.31(NNN&MTY)-It looks like this year's Dasara festivities, which was earlier decided to be a low-key one following floods in the State, is now going to be all glitter and glory.

Hence, the *Ahara Mela* has been extended from 10 to 18 days, the Flower Show with Chandrayaan-2 as the theme, is extended to 15 days and also every Circle in the city will be illuminated...

These and other decisions were taken at the Dasara preliminary meeting chaired by District-in-charge Minister V. Somanna at MUDA Office here yesterday.

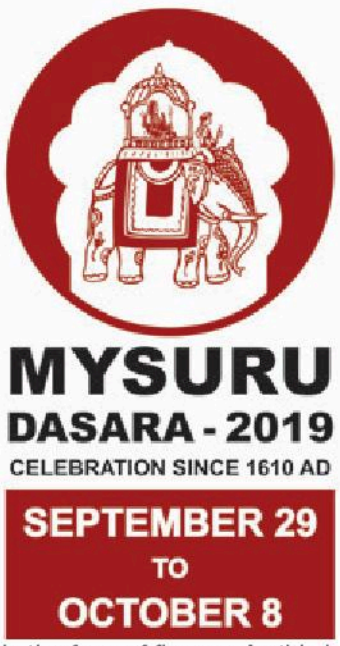
Every year the *Ahara Mela* (Food Festival) was being organised for ten days. But this year it is being held for 18 days from Sept.29 to Oct.16 at the Bharat Scouts and Guides Grounds and at MUDA Grounds near Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel.

Keep food prices low

What is generally seen is that the prices of food sold in the *Ahara Mela* are very high and this time it should be kept at affordable prices. Not only the prices must be kept low but only those who preserve the quality must be given a chance. There must be provision for drinking water and clean toilets. Every day quality of food must be checked, he suggested.

Floral replicas of Chandrayaan-2, Tigers

The Dasara Flower Show at Kuppanna Park is being extended by 8 days and it will be held from Sept.29 to Oct.13. The major attraction this year is the Chandrayaan-2 which will bloom



in the form of flowers. As this is the birth centenary year of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, the last ruler of Mysuru, his statue, Metro, Buddha are some of the other attractions at the flower show, said Horticulture Department Deputy Director Rudresh.

Reacting to this, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that since the State stands second in Tiger Census, the floral design of the Tiger Reserve must be depicted in the show.

Events at 20 venues

The Dasara events will be held in 20 places this year. The Supreme Court (SC) order must be followed and all the programmes must be wound-up before 10 pm and Yuva Dasara is no exception to this, said City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna.

It is seen that during *Jumboo Savari,* the same style of folk art forms are repeated by a few troupes and this should not happen, said the DC.

MP Pratap Simha, intervening, said that just because the elected representatives suggest, those who are ineligible should not be given chances. There should not be more than 60 to 65 art troupes and 25 to 30 tableaux in the Dasara procession, he suggested.

Dist. Minister calls on Bhyrappa

Mysuru District in-charge Minister V. Somanna called on noted writer and Saraswati Samman awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa, who has been given the honour to inaugurate this year's Dasara festival, at his residence in Kuvempunagar yesterday and held discussions with him for more than an hour. Others seen are MP Pratap Simha, Gundlupet MLA C.S. Niranjan Kumar and BJP leader H.V. Rajeev.

Folklore Council Chairman demands setting up of Tribal Academy

Mysuru, Aug.31 (RKB&DM)- Karnataka Janapada Parishat Chairman Dr. S. Balaji has urged the Government to set up an Exclusive Tribal Academy.

He was speaking at the 'World Tribal Day' organised by Mysuru District Kannada Janapada Parishat at Government First Grade College, Kuvempunagar here yesterday.

Alleging that the Governments were ignoring Tribal communities, Dr. Balaji said that although there were 13 Janapada Academy Chairmen in Karnataka, more among them is a tribal.

Stressing on the need for an Exclusive Tribal Academy, he maintained that tribal artistes have retained their old identity by not getting attracted to urbanisation or becoming commercialised.

Pointing out that as part of this year's World Tribal Day, a group of students from Hospet taluk are forming a tribal youth unit, he called for more studies on tribal life and traditions. He also said that the Parishat will press the Government for introducing Folklore Studies as an optional subject in Pre-University Education.

Writer D.N. Krishnamurthy, in his address, said that folk culture which has a long history extending over centuries, has undergone transformation with the growth of civilisation.

Noting that 8.6 percent of the population still lived in tribal hamlets, he emphasised on the need for providing civic amenities and education to tribals at their hamlets.

Tribal community achievers Janakamma of Periyapatna, Parvathi of H.D. Kote and Srujana of Hunsur taluk were felicitated on the occasion.

Chidambaram to remain in CBI custody till Monday

Chidambaram

New Delhi, Aug.31- A Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Special Court yesterday extended the Police custody of former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram till Sept.2 in the INX Media case. On Monday, the Supreme Court (SC) will also hear the plea by Chidambaram challenging the remand order by the CBI Court.

The order was passed by Special Judge Ajay Kumar Kuhar before whom Chidambaram was produced on expiry of his four-day custodial interrogation granted on Aug.26. "Investigation being the prerogative of the Investigating Officer and given the fact that the record is voluminous and accused needs to be confronted. Thus, more time is required. In view of the submissions made, the accused is sent to Police custody remand till Sept.2," said the Judge.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) K.M. Natraj had, however, sought a five-day CBI remand but Chidambaram's Counsel Dayan Krishnan opposed it.

The Court also observed that the reasons mentioned by CBI, demanding a five-day extension of the Congress leader's custody, were vague. The Bench added that CBI should have initially sought a remand for 15 days if they knew that the interrogation would take time. To this, the ASG responded that it was difficult to ascertain the time needed for further interrogation, and Chidambaram needs to be confronted with some documentary evidence. "On the merits of the case, we need further custody," submitted Natraj. Krishnan said there was no objection from his client's end for extension of remand till Monday so that the special leave petition could be taken up by the Top Court.

S.R. Vishwanath is CM's Political Secretary

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Mohan Limbikai

Bengaluru, Aug.31- Yalahanka BJP MLA S.R. Vishwanath has been appointed as the Chief Minister's Political Secretary. The post carries the status of a Cabinet Minister.

S.R. Vishwanath has been rewarded for his behind the scene efforts in the formation of BJP Government in the State.

Mohan Limbikai is Legal Advisor: In another significant appointment, former MLC and senior BJP leader from Hubballi-Dharwad Mohan Limbikai has been appointed as the legal adviser to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY).

Mohan Limbikai, who is also a senior advocate, is a close associate of BSY.

ACB public contact programme

Mysuru, Aug.31- In a move aimed at moving closer to the public, the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) will be conducting a public contact programme at its offices in all taluks of the district from Sept.17 to 23 on different dates, the details of which are as follows:

Sept.17: Hunsur, Hanagudu and Bettadapura; Sept.18: Periyapatna; Sept.19: K.R. Nagar and Saligrama; Sept.20: H.D. Kote and Sargur; Sept.21: Nanjangud and Kavalande; Sept.23: T. Narasipur and Bannur.

The public are appealed to make good use of this contact programme by participating in large numbers, according to a press release issued by ACB SP (Mysuru Zone) J.K. Rashmi.

Burglar arrested: Gold jewellery worth Rs.1.7 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Aug.31- The CCB Police, who arrested a burglar, have recovered 44gm of stolen gold jewellery worth Rs.1.7 lakh from him. Naushat, 35, a resident of Farm Colony in Ghousianagar of the city, is the one who is arrested.

Acting on a tip off, the CCB sleuths rounded up Naushat when he was trying to sell jewellery near a textile shop close to the Zoo in Ittigegud on Aug.29.

During interrogation, Naushat confessed to have burgled a house in Gayatripuram a year ago, following which 44gm gold jewellery allegedly stolen by him was recovered.

The nabbing and seizure operation was carried out by CCB Inspector C. Kiran Kumar, SI Chandregowda, staff Ramaswamy, M.R. Ganesh, C. Chikkanna, C.N. Shivaraju, Yakub Shariff, Asgar Khan, Chandrashekar, Niranjan, Rajendra and Chamundamma, led ACP C. Gopal, under the guidance of DCP M. Muthuraj.

Unidentified body found

Mysuru, Aug.31- The body of an unidentified elderly man aged about 70-80 years was found in a Railway Coach at the City Railway Station recently. The man is 5 ft. in height, brownish in complexion, oval faced and lean built. The kith and kin, if any, can contact Mysuru Railway Police on Ph: 0821-2516579.

Obituary

Kanakatte Shankaranarayana

Mysuru, Aug.31- Kanakatte Shankaranarayana (85), a resident of Jayanagar, passed away this morning.

He leaves behind his wife Rajeshwari, four sons including photographer Ganesh and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Krishnamurthy (Kitti)

Krishnamurthy (Kitti), autorickshaw driver and a resident of Jayanagar, passed away on Thursday night. He was 59.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jayanagar grave yard this noon, according to family sources.

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Huge rush to get relief from debt

(Continued from page 1)

Relief to landless labourers: The Debt Relief Act is aimed at releasing small farmers and agricultural labourers (who earn not more than Rs. 10,000 per month) from clutches of money-lenders and pawn-brokers.

Though the Act dates back to 1976 introduced during the rule of then CM D. Devaraj Urs, it was again passed in the Legislative Assembly this year and the Bill got President's assent on July 16.

Under the Act, agriculture labourers, landless labourers and small farmers having 2 acres of rain-fed land or less, whose annual income is less than Rs. 1.2 lakh and had taken loan from money-lenders, pawn-brokers or from any other private source, will get relief. It will be only a one-time relief and their loan will be waived off.

Not applicable for future loans: The scheme is applicable to those who have availed such loans on or before July 16 (the day of President's assent and the subsequent notification on July 23) but it does not apply to future loans. Under the scheme, lenders would not be entitled for any compensation.

Following the Government circular, more than 11,000 applications have been received at the AC Office since the last four to five days. Among the applicants, was Renuka, who had come from Naganahalli. "I have pledged gold with different money-lenders for Rs. 14,000, Rs. 15,000 and Rs. 8,000. I have submitted the application and also given my Aadhaar Card, Voter ID, income certificate and the receipts issued by the pawn-brokers," she said.

Fifty-six-year-old Nagaraj from Maadahalli near Beerihundi has pledged gold with a pawn-broker and has taken a loan of Rs. 37,000. "I hope that the Government clears the loan. We cannot afford to take back our gold unless there is help from the Government," he said.

Like Renuka and Nagaraj, there were Asha from T. Narasipur, Shivanna from Devarahalli, Nayaz Sharief from Mysuru and Rhea Banu from Shanthinagar.

As most of the applicants are from lower middle class and poor families, they require help to fill the applications. A team of 30 application writers are doing the writing work and they charge Rs. 20 per application. Some of them even have the application forms and are charging Rs. 3 per application.

Special counters: Mysuru Assistant Commissioner **H.N. Shivegowda** told *Star of Mysore* that his office has been receiving applications since last Friday. "We have set up special counters to receive applications and officers have been designated to help the public and answer their questions. All the applications are scrutinised and segregated. There are data entry operators to upload the applications after certifying whether the applicants are eligible for relief under the Act," he said.

Cases to be heard individually: Giving further details, he said that the applications will be segregated taluk-wise. Once the applications are uploaded, their cases will be heard individually. "We will issue notice to the lender and the borrower and decide the case like in a Court of law.

On the possibility of people replacing genuine gold with duplicate ones, the AC said that when the loan money was given to the borrower, the gold would have been checked for genuineness. "Now nobody can claim that duplicate gold was pledged. We will get the ornaments checked by third-party goldsmiths before handing them over to the beneficiaries. There are penal provisions in the Act and they will be used as and when the need arises," Shivegowda added.

Pawn-Brokers Association demands exemption from Debt Relief Act

Mysuru, Aug. 31 (BCT)- The Mysuru unit of Pawn-Brokers and Jewellers Association has appealed to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa to grant exemption to registered Pawn Brokers from the purview of the Karnataka Debt Relief Act.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Spokesperson of the Association Deepak Bora said that they have been paying taxes to Governments. "We are paying Income Tax to the Centre, trade licence fee, pawn-brokers licence fee, professional tax, labour licence tax and local municipality tax. We are doing legal business and we are being unfairly targeted and harassed," he said.

Every pawn-broker has to pay a non-interest deposit of Rs. 50,000. "Any deposit with the Government earns interest. But we do not get any interest for the deposit. Also, our families are dependent on this business. This is legal business and we will fight for our rights," he said.

Mentioning that the Association has already given memorandums to the Chief Minister, Cooperation Minister, Deputy Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner, Deepak said that a petition has been filed in the Karnataka High Court by Bengaluru Pawn Brokers and Jewellers Association.

Another office-bearer of the Association Sunil Sethia told *SOM* that all the pawn-brokers are registered with the same Government and are charging a fixed interest of 14 percent as prescribed by the Government. How can the Government discriminate and target us when we are doing legal business," he questioned.

"Money does not come easy. Even we have borrowed loans and we pay Income Tax and all other taxes to the Government. This Debt Relief Act treats us like criminals. We have been doing business since generations and no criminal case has been registered against us. Still we are being unfairly targeted," he said and added that the Association would fight for their rights.

Similar sentiments were echoed by other pawn-brokers in city who said that big and powerful people who have crores of rupees worth benami properties and those who have cheated thousands of people by promising good returns on investment are being spared and small money-lenders who do genuine business are being targeted.

Mysore Palace entry ticket goes online

(Continued from page 1)

Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning said that the Board decided to go online as there was a good demand for tickets from different parts of the world and the country and it is now available since the past four to five days. Asked what the advantages were of purchasing online tickets, he said that the visitors and tourists need not have to stand in long queues and can enter the Palace directly.

6-month validity: The tickets purchased online will have a validity of six months from the date of purchase and any number of tickets can be purchased, said Subramanya.

All one has to do is go to Mysore Palace website ***www.mysorepalace.gov.in*** and book tickets in advance. The payment gateway is the State Bank of India which has minimum basic charges as per the RBI (Reserve Bank of India) norms and no additional third party charge will be applied, he said and added that as the Board's account is with SBI, they get the payment the same day and whatever extra interest is earned thus will go to the kitty of the Board.

Discrimination against foreigners goes: There were lot of complaints from foreigners as they had to pay more than Indians for the entry tickets. However, now this discrimination has been done away with and they will pay the same charge as Indians, said Subramanya.

Entry ticket charges: The entry to the Palace is fixed at Rs.70 per adult and Rs.30 per child. For school and college children who come in groups it is Rs. 10 each.

Meanwhile, tickets will continue to be sold at the Varaha Gate, Amba Vilas Gate and Balarama-Jayarama Gate ticket counters, he said.

Only on Vijaydashami Day, visitors and tourists are not allowed to enter the Palace as it will be closed for Dasara procession which commences from the Mysore Palace, he said.

Savings for the Board: The Palace Board will save an annual maintenance charge between Rs. 60,000 and Rs.70,000 as the website and the online ticketing system is hosted and maintained by e-governance portal, he said.

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		6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
Saaho (H)	(S-2)	6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	4.00 pm
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Sixer (Ta)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Batla House (H)	(S-2)	3.45 pm
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	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.55 pm
		5.30 pm, 8.55 pm
Saaho (H)	(S-1)	2.20 pm, 9.35 pm
	(S-4)	9.20 am, 6.20 pm
Kurukshetra (K-3D)	(S-1)	10.45 am, 5.55 pm
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	5.40 pm, 9.15 pm
Mission Mangal (H)	3.00 pm, 9.35 pm
Kurukshetra (K-3D)	10.30 am, 5.50 pm
Batla House (H)	11.50 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

PM to visit State on Sept.7

Bengaluru, Aug. 31- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the State on Sept.7, according to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa.

Speaking after paying tributes to the portrait of Hockey legend Dhyanchand as part of 'Fit India' campaign programme held in front of Vidhana Soudha on Thursday, Yediyurappa said that he will seek funds for flood relief from the Centre during the Prime Minister's visit to the State on Sept.7.

Narendra Modi

Stating that he is hoping for good news from the Centre on flood relief funds, the CM said that the State has drawn up many plans for promotion of sports, stressing on the need for making 'Fit India' campaign a huge success.

Recalling the achievements of Hockey legend Dhyanchand, he reiterated that the State would do everything possible for the promotion of young talented sports persons.

Noted sports persons Prakash Nanjappa, Salman Pasha, Archana Kamath and others took part in the event. Ministers C.T. Ravi, Basavaraj Bommai and R. Ashoka were present.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 31)

RAAGA Music Academy: Sri Krishna Jayanti celebrations, Mahapuja, **5.15 pm;** Grand Flute Recital by Vid. L.V. Mukund accompanied by Vid. J.K. Sridhar on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata, Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, #434, 'Melody', A&B Block, Vishwamanava Double Road, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Music Festival to mark Sri Krishna Jayanti celebrations, vocal concert by Vidu. G. Chandanabala, accompanied on violin by Vid. K.J. Dilip, on mridanga by Vid. A. Radhesh and on ghata by Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Rishi Ideal for modern society,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Krishnaswamy Temple, Palace Fort premises: Vaibhava Sri Krishnotsavada Srimukha, Mallayuddha, Temple premises, **6 pm.**

Rangataranga Trust, Chamarajanagar: Conferring of Rangabhishma Award on B.M. Ramachandra of Sri Rajeshwari Vastralankara, Mysuru, by thinker Prof. Maleyur Guruswamy, threatre director Prof. H.S. Umesh inaugurates the programme, Kannada & Culture Asst. Director H. Channappa presides, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6 pm.**

Amara Kalasangha: Prize Distribution Ceremony of various competitions, Rangayana Director Bhagirati Bai Kadam and B.M. Ramachandra of Sri Rajeshwari Vasthralankara guests, Amara Kalasangha President Prof. H.S. Umesh presides, felicitation to theatre artistes Prof. V. Gundanna and S. Nagaratna, cultural programmes by High School and College Students, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha programmes by Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Junior Pontiff of Avadhoota Datta Peetha, Satsang, Discourse, **6.30 pm;** Kakada Aarti to Lord Dattatreya, Ashrama premises, Datta Nagar, Ooty Road, **8 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 1)

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama: Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha programmes by Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Junior Pontiff of Avadhoota Datta Peetha, discourse on Yoga Vashishta by Sri Swamiji, **7.30 am;** Sri Chakra Puja, Veda Chanting, Maha Ganapathy Homa, **8.30 am;** Satsang, Discourse, **6.30 pm;** Kakada Aarti to Lord Dattatreya, Ashrama premises, Datta Nagar, Ooty Road, **8 pm.**

People For People: Distribution of breakfast to specially-abled old age persons of Vimala Care Centre, Centre premises, near Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, **9 am.**

Regional Institute of Education (RIE), Mysuru - National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi: 59th NCERT Foundation Day Celebration, CSIR-CFTRI Director Dr. K.S.M.S. Raghavarao, chief guest, RIE Principal Prof. Y. Sreekanth presides, AV Hall, Technology Block, **11 am.**

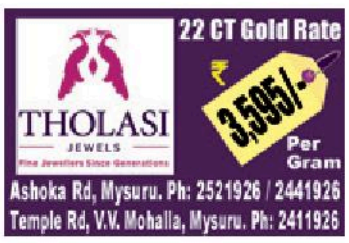
Pt. Rajeev Taranath Felicitation Trust: Felicitation to Sarod Maestro and Padma Shri Awardee Pt. Rajeev Taranath, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Jnanpith Awardee and Central Sahitya Akademi President Dr. Chandrashekar Kambara will speak, University of Mysore (UoM) VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar guest of honour; Music concert by Vid. Mysore M. Nagaraj and Vid. Mysore Dr. M. Manjunath, Rani Bahadur Auditorium, Manasagangothri, **5.30 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Music Festival to mark Sri Krishna Jayanti celebrations, felicitation to senior artistes — Senior vocalist Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, R. Paramashivan, a legendary theatre personality, senior musician and music teacher Vidu. Pushpa Srinivasan and Make-up artiste Ramachandra — by senior violinist Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy; Prize distribution to winners of various competitions held during Krishna Jayanti, **5.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam recital by Vid. Parshwanath Upadhye, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Bhagavad Gita and Karma Yoga,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Natana Rangashale: Karantha Namana - Guru B.V. Karanth Maasada Nenapu (Theatre Fest, Book Release, Theatre Songs, Interaction, Screening of Documentary and Movies); MP Pratap Simha inaugurates, Kannada and Culture Director K.M. Janaki, film actor and theatre personality Rangayana Raghu and 'Sanchari Troupe' Founder N. Mangala will be present, **6 pm;** Staging of the play *Subhadra Kalyana*, direction by Mandya Ramesh, Natana Rangashale, Ramakrishna Nagar, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Prasanna Krishnaswamy Temple, Palace Fort premises: Vaibhava Sri Krishnotsavada Srimukha, Rasakreede, (Kamadhenu decoration to cows), **6 pm;** Kamsa Vadhe, Temple premises, **8 pm.**



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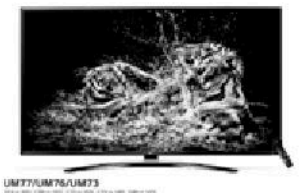

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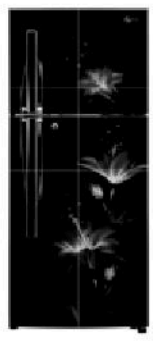

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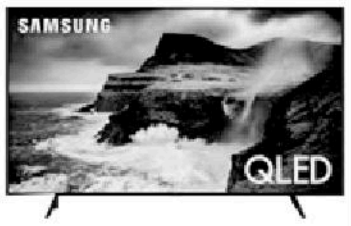

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